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Louisiana Crop Progress and Condition Report



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Week Ending September 6, 2015

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Louisiana, there were 6.2 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, September 6, 2015**. Topsoil moisture supplies were 26 percent very short, 34 percent short, 38 percent adequate, and 2 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 22 percent very short, 32 percent short, 42 percent adequate, and 4 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 62.6 degrees Fahrenheit at Tallulah to 77.2 degrees Fahrenheit at New Orleans. Highs ranged from 86.9 degrees Fahrenheit at Galliano to 95.8 degrees Fahrenheit at Saint Joseph. Hot dry weather conditions with scattered rain were prevalent throughout most of the state, with the highest rain concentration in the southeast part of the state with an average of 0.87 inches.

Crop progress for week ending September 6, 2015					Crop condition for week ending September 6, 2015					
Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average	Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>		<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Corn, mature	100	98	100	100	Corn	0	4	35	58	3
Corn, harvested	96	92	80	94	Cotton	3	8	38	44	7
Cotton, open bolls	74	58	79	79	Livestock	1	9	43	41	6
Hay, second cutting	98	96	96	97	Pasture	6	23	40	29	2
Rice, mature	97	95	94	97	Rice	0	6	33	54	7
Rice, harvested	90	84	75	82	Sorghum	3	13	34	49	1
Sorghum, mature	99	95	100	99	Soybeans	4	13	36	42	5
Sorghum, harvested	85	79	90	91	Sugarcane	3	6	30	44	17
Soybeans, setting pods	100	99	100	100	Vegetables	5	36	34	24	1
Soybeans, turning color	83	72	80	74						
Soybeans, dropping leaves	71	58	65	57						
Soybeans, mature	64	50	55	NA						
Soybeans, harvested	45	32	32	32						
Sugarcane, planted	75	59	55	61						
Sweet Potatoes, harvested	20	6	17	13						

Comments from Cooperative Extension Service Parish Agents

“Spotty rains relieve early season very dry conditions, may be too little too late for earlier maturing soybeans, others may get marginal yield benefit. Showers disrupting remaining rice harvest. Field preparations, pulling levees and plowing for next year’s crop. Plowing for ryegrass, and many hunters preparing food plots at this time benefited from rains.”

– Keith A. Fontenot, Evangeline Parish

“We received several isolated showers this week. Soybeans and pastures benefited from isolated showers. Rice harvest is almost complete. Soybean producers are spraying for stinkbugs.”

– Barrett Courville, Acadia & Jefferson Davis Parishes

“Small scattered showers in areas around the parish. Soybeans looking better with added moisture. Cattle producers beginning to market calves. Ryegrass pastures are being worked to plant.”

– James “Jimmy” Meaux, Calcasieu Parish

“Scattered showers during the week interrupted field progress. Sugarcane growers are wrapping up planting. Soybean harvest is in full swing and many growers are reporting disappointing yields in the 30 to 40 bushel range. Cattle producers are preparing for cool season pasture planting.”

– Stuart Gauthier, Saint Martin Parish

“Sugarcane planting almost complete. Cattlemen making hay. Vegetable producers planting fall crops. Citrus producers scouting trees.”

– B Barton Joffrion Jr., Terrebonne Parish

Louisiana Weather Summary for Week Ending September 6, 2015

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	Rain Days	DFN	Four Weeks	Four Weeks DFN
Northwest										
Minden	93.8	70.5	82.2	79.6	2.4	NA	NA	NA	1.32	-1.16
Mooringsport	91.9	71.6	81.7	80.4	1.3	0.00	0	-0.70	1.27	-1.39
Red River	92.0	70.0	81.0	80.5	0.1	NA	NA	NA	0.75	-1.34
Shreveport	93.1	70.1	81.6	80.5	1.1	NA	0	-0.58	1.64	-0.60
Extreme/Average	92.7	70.5	81.6	80.3	1.2	0.00	0	-0.64	1.24	-1.12
North Central										
Calhoun	94.9	67.7	81.3	78.8	2.5	0.00	0	-0.81	0.30	-2.74
Farmerville	95.3	73.4	84.4	79.5	4.9	0.00	0	-0.97	0.17	-3.14
Homer	91.8	66.7	79.3	78.2	1.0	NA	0	-0.61	2.12	0.66
Extreme/Average	94.0	69.3	81.6	78.8	2.8	0.00	0	-0.80	0.86	-1.74
Northeast										
Lake Providence	92.4	73.4	82.9	79.9	3.1	0.00	0	-0.79	1.29	-0.87
St Joseph	95.8	69.2	82.5	80.4	1.9	0.18	0	-0.43	1.46	-1.83
Tallulah	94.8	62.6	78.7	79.8	-1.3	0.03	1	-0.58	1.62	-1.13
Winnsboro	NA	NA	NA	80.3	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Extreme/Average	94.3	68.4	81.4	80.1	1.2	0.07	1	-0.60	1.46	-1.28
West Central										
Ashland	NA	NA	NA	79.4	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Hodges Gardens	90.0	70.8	80.4	80.2	-0.1	0.11	0	-0.44	2.44	-0.71
Leesville	91.7	68.6	80.1	79.3	0.9	0.27	1	-0.63	2.34	-0.89
Natchitoches	90.9	71.7	81.3	81.5	-0.2	NA	2	-1.36	1.10	-2.47
Extreme/Average	90.9	70.4	80.6	80.1	0.2	0.19	2	-0.81	1.96	-1.36
Central										
Alexandria	94.5	70.5	82.5	81.5	1.0	NA	NA	NA	2.25	-1.19
Bunkie	91.1	69.7	80.4	80.2	0.2	0.00	1	-1.16	2.70	-1.13
Eunice	NA	NA	NA	82.4	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Jonesville Locks	92.0	72.6	82.3	80.8	1.5	0.08	1	-0.84	1.58	-1.76
New Roads	93.5	72.0	82.8	81.7	0.9	0.03	0	-0.57	3.43	-0.44
Extreme/Average	92.8	71.2	82.0	81.3	0.9	0.04	1	-0.86	2.49	-1.13
East Central										
Baton Rouge	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	4.59	-0.89
Hammond	NA	NA	NA	80.3	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Norwood	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	3.96	NA
Slidell	89.3	72.1	80.7	NA	NA	0.02	2	NA	3.38	NA
Extreme/Average	89.3	72.1	80.7	80.3	NA	0.02	2	NA	3.98	-0.89
Southwest										
Crowley	88.0	71.8	79.9	81.1	-1.4	0.05	6	-0.85	7.20	2.91
DeRidder	90.8	70.0	80.4	80.8	-0.1	0.45	1	-0.20	3.19	-0.09
Jennings	88.4	73.1	80.8	81.2	-0.5	NA	NA	NA	7.42	2.46
Oberlin Fire	87.0	70.2	78.6	80.6	-2.2	0.12	2	-0.69	3.91	0.16
Extreme/Average	88.6	71.3	79.9	80.9	-1.0	0.21	6	-0.58	5.43	1.36
South Central										
Donaldsonville	89.5	72.8	81.2	80.7	0.4	NA	2	-1.14	1.63	-3.18
Jeanerette	87.2	71.8	79.5	80.9	-1.6	0.99	0	-0.18	6.71	1.57
Lafayette	89.7	72.7	81.2	80.4	0.6	0.05	4	-0.52	2.27	-1.73
Morgan City	88.2	74.5	81.3	81.3	0.0	0.54	3	-0.88	5.91	-0.58
Extreme/Average	88.6	73.0	80.8	80.8	-0.2	0.53	4	-0.68	4.13	-0.98
Southeast										
Galliano	86.9	74.4	80.6	81.6	-1.0	NA	NA	NA	6.92	0.32
Gonzales	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.87	3	-0.11	3.69	-1.33
Grand Isle	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
New Orleans	92.0	77.2	84.6	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	3.13	NA
Extreme/Average	89.5	75.8	82.6	81.6	-1.0	0.87	3	-0.11	4.58	-0.51
State	91.2	71.4	81.3	80.5	0.4	0.21	2	-0.56	3.05	-0.73

DFN = Departure from Normal.
Normal = Averaged Collected Data from the Years 1981-2010.
NA = Not Available.